

Planning & Zoning Meeting on 08/11/2020 from 7:00pm to 8:40pm

Recording Secretary: Lindsay Standhart

Present: Steven Allyn, Peter Brown, Dan Adam and Joe Cieslowski

Absent: Frank Montagna, and Micheal O'Connor

Steven Allyn called the meeting to order.

Members of the commission present were Steven Allyn, Pete Brown, Joe Cieslowski and Dan Adam

The meeting was brought to order in the parking lot of the Town Hall and was moved to the Porta cove in front of the school due to inclement weather.

Review & Amend Minutes of March 9th, 2020:

A motion was made by Peter Brown to move and accept the minutes of June 8th, 2020. Steve Allyn seconded the motion due to lack of commission members attending.

Other Business Proper to come before the Commission:

Ken Hrica presents on 6-8 East Main Street for a Health and Wellness Community Center to be a local health care provider for the people who have insurance or cannot afford insurance or health care. It will be a 2 story, 7200 square foot, 36 row parking space. The overflow parking is in a flood zone and there will be rain gardens set up to catch excess rain water. They are going to plant trees and shrubs on the border of neighbor's property lines so there is a barrier. These plants will be native to the CT area. There will also be lighting provided on the property for outdoor parking area and outside of building.

Torrington Area Health (Julie Prue) has approved this. There will be a lobby, group rooms for mental health groups and counseling, consult rooms, exam rooms, storage and an area for either a lab or pharmacy if they get a lab/pharmacy to work with them to come to this area. They will work with local businesses and hospitals in the community to keep business in Canaan area.

Peter Brown motions to approve the Health and Wellness Community Center, Dan Adam amends and seconds the motion with stipulations that a lab or pharmacy can be in house in the future. The permit number for this project is #827-20. This was unanimously approved.

Peter Stanton presents on 17 Deely Road, Berkshire Village. This home is for the intellectual development and disabilities. There will be three individuals living in this dwelling, it is a finished space just needs to be approved for another to live in this accessory building. This falls under the American Disabilities Act and is still waiting on approval from Torrington Area Health under Julie Prue.

Dan Adam motions to approve with stipulations of approval from Julie Prue and Torrington Area Health. Peter Brown seconds the motion. This is approved by the commission.

Zoning Enforcement Duties:

The Blackberry River Bistro has a platform renovation for a take out window. There was no building permit done for it. Chairman Steve Allyn will call the building official to talk about the safety of the platform.

There was no new business at this time.

Old Business:

Planning and Zoning regulations need to be updated online.

Public Comment:

Jessie Bunce came forward to talk about the decision on 176-R Lower Road and the business that is being conducted there. There was a requested onsite inspection and email was sent to cancel the inspection per Jessie's request. One photograph was sent to the town attorney and they haven't heard of any action after that. Steve Allyn will meet with town attorney to see what next actions are legally and the first selectman to also see what next actions are.

Lyle Kloke and Ellen Nee Schaefer from 42 Barlow Street have concerns about the permit #819-20 given to Greg Karcheski on 50 Barlow Street to Little Wing LLC. There are concerns about the excavations and non-conforming buildings. These two buildings were approved to be residential buildings and he has concerns about the application approval with the application being withdrawn and then approved the next month. Please refer to the letter submitted by Lyle Kloke and Ellen Nee Schaefer. He asks that permit is revoked due to non-compliance and wants a follow up to this matter.

Joe Cieslowski motions to adjourn the meeting

Dan Adam seconds the motion

Ending the meeting at 8:40 pm.